

## FRENCH CONTINUE TO LOSE GROUND

PARIS ADMITS GERMAN VICTORY ON THE MEUSE.

### TEUTONS GAIN THREE MILES

20,000 Killed in Fighting About Fort Douaumont—Kaiser's Troops Advance Between Haumont and Wood on Thaumont Farm.

Paris, May 25.—Continued retreats of the French before German attacks on the right bank of the Meuse are officially admitted, the communiqué from Paris. A French defeat between Haumont and wood and Thaumont farm, near Douaumont, is reported.

German Gain Three Miles.

Berlin, May 25.—The giant German "watercress" in closing in upon Verdun in the bloodiest fighting in all history.

The right bank has advanced on a front of three miles in the last 72 hours of the new struggle northwest of the fortress. The French have evacuated the entire Dead Man's hill position, northwest of Verdun, after sacrificing more than a whole army corps in vain efforts to hold it.

Hill 304, cornerstone of the French defense west of the Meuse, is now held jointly by Germans and French. Further slight advances for the Germans in the ravines on either side will force its surrender to the right wing of the German army that occupied Cumieres village Tuesday night.

30,000 Died at Douaumont.

The last jaw of the crown prince's great fighting machine, bent back slightly under the most terrific blows struck by the French since the Verdun struggle began, has reconquered entirely positions temporarily surrendered to the French. It is estimated there that 30,000 men died fighting in dark underground caverns and about the ruins of Fort Douaumont without changing the battle line in the slightest.

The only French detachment that penetrated the ruins of the fort itself was completely wiped out, not a single survivor escaping.

Casualties Heavy and Wounded.

Striven about the southern and western approaches to the ruined fort are countless dead and wounded. Since the French attack began Sunday night the fury of the battle has not waned, but has grown more intense, and there has been no chance to reach the dying.

West of the Meuse, the French are being steadily driven back upon the Verdun forts. The capture of Cumieres opens the way for a German drive down the Meuse upon Chateau and Fort Bourcy.

The German counter, which drove the French from the Dead Man's hill positions, has not yet occupied all the abandoned works, because French artillery is playing upon the southern ridges.

Tide Turns Against French.

Paris, May 25.—The tide of battle at Verdun flowed against the French during the last 24 hours. The German, rallying from the smashing blows which took from them the greater part of Fort Douaumont, hurled their legions once more against the ruins which retain by courtesy the title of fort and, by a series of desperate attacks, succeeded in partially retaking the ground they had lost on the right bank of the Meuse. They also gained a small advantage on the left side of the river.

Dead German Ravines.

Between Avocourt wood and Fort Douaumont, northwest and northeast of Verdun, across a front 20 miles wide, there are a dozen ravines so choked with dead that ghastly barriers are formed by the corpses.

During the direct attacks and counter-attacks of the last three days and nights it is estimated that the Germans lost a full corps, 42,000 men, in dead and wounded. Particularly severe were the German losses around Fort Douaumont, but the ruins of the stronghold are again in German hands.

The German legions were sent forward in mass formation, wave upon wave, into the certain fire of the French artillery and the inferno of machine gun fire.

D. K. APPROPRIATION BILL

Measure Carrying \$145,000,000 Has Provision to Carry Out Army Reorganization.

Washington, May 25.—The army appropriation bill, carrying \$145,000,000 and including provision for carrying out the Hay-Chamberlain reorganization bill, was agreed to by the house military committee. The bill includes provision for a council of executive information for co-ordination of industries and resources in war time.

Rivers Bill Doomed.

Washington, May 25.—The \$43,000,000 river and harbors bill, alleged to be "half pork," was practically doomed in the senate when, on a test vote, the filibusters won 30 to 29. The vote was taken on Senator Kenyon's motion to hold up expenditure of \$200,000 on the Brazos river, in Texas, pending further investigation by the army engineers.

War Notes.

London, May 25.—The grand jury yesterday returned true bills against Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Sinn Féin revolt, and Daniel J. Bailey, the former British soldier who is held as his accomplice. The judge fixed the trial of Sir Roger for June 26.

London, May 25.—The sinking by a submarine of the British steamer Washington, a vessel of 5,080 tons, is announced in London. The report states the destruction of an Austrian gunboat and an Austrian airplane in an engagement with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic.

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## RETAKEN FRENCH FORT

TEUTONS ALSO CAPTURE TOWN OF CUMIERES FROM THE FRENCH.

### 10,000 FALL IN NEW BATTLE

Thousands Killed in Bloodiest Engagement of the Three Months' Battle of Verdun—Kaiser Captures 300 Prisoners—Troops Fight With Knives.

Paris, May 25.—The Germans have recaptured Fort Douaumont, while the French hold the immediate approach to that position. This announcement is made in the official communiqué issued on Wednesday by the French war office, which says that two new divisions of Bavarians effected the recapture after a series of furious attacks.

This success of the Germans followed capture by the Teutonic troops of a portion of the village of Cumieres, east of Dead Man's hill. The fighting at this point developed into a hand-to-hand struggle. The French were faced by more than three divisions here.

Ten thousand men have gone down to slaughter what is rapidly becoming the bloodiest engagement of the three months' battle of Verdun.

From Dead Man's hill eastward to the ruins of Fort Douaumont the most savage struggle in any theater of war in the past two months is being waged.

The fighting in the ruins of Fort Douaumont attained the greatest violence at noon. The Germans battled French positions from Thaumont to Douaumont in a steady drum-fire. From behind great clouds of dust thrown up by shells the gray columns of Germans emerged on a mad run for the French works.

While French machine guns sprayed the advancing lines the charging Germans reached the western and northwestern edges of Douaumont fort and came to grips with the French defenders. Groups of men struggled at such close quarters that bayonets and grenades became useless and resort had to knives.

The fighting had to be stopped by the firing of the French artillery, which was shrieking over the fort, searching out enemy reserves.

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### NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL

Committee Reports Measure to House Carrying \$241,449,151.99—Building Item Has \$98,859,378.

Washington, May 25.—The naval appropriation bill, the largest national defense measure yet reported to the house on Wednesday from the naval affairs committee. It carried a total of \$241,449,151.99, about \$90,000,000 more than last year's bill.

The largest item is the building program. Counting the cost for the first year of the program, provided in the measure and making appropriations for continued work on vessels authorized heretofore, with the ammunition supplies for the ships that will be finished during the coming year it amounts to \$98,859,378.

### EVELYN THAW WEDS AGAIN

Divorced Wife of Slayed Married to Son of Late Italian General at Elliot City, Md.

Elliot City, Md., May 25.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was married here on Wednesday to Virgil James Montan, son of the late Brig. Gen. Joseph Montan of the royal Italian army. Mr. Montan is better known as Jack Clifford, his professional name for many years. For three seasons he has been the dancing partner of his bride. Both gave their age as thirty-one. They were married by Rev. Edward J. Snyder, pastor of the Emory Methodist Episcopal church.

### APPROVES L. D. BRANDEIS

Senate Committee Votes 10 to 8 in Favor of His Selection for Supreme Court.

Washington, May 25.—The senate judiciary committee, after weeks of consideration, by a vote of 10 to 8, decided on Wednesday to make a favorable report to the senate on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to be an associate justice of the Supreme court. The result was a straight party vote, the ten Democrats voting to favorably report the nomination while the eight Republicans voted against such action.

All Records Are Broken.

Sydney, N. S. W., May 25.—The American steamer Ventura, from San Francisco, reported that it had picked up wireless messages from the station at Tuckerton, N. J., when 9,000 miles from the American coast.

George Ade Moose Delegate.

Lafayette, Ind., May 25.—The Progressive party state delegates met at Rensselaer and elected George Ade, the humorist and playwright, and Dr. C. F. Coffey of Muncie to the tenth district delegates to the national convention.

Mexican Plotter Killed.

Brownsville, Tex., May 24.—Col. Louis Morin, charged with planning an uprising in Mexico, and Victoriano Pineda, attempted to escape from rangers 75 miles north of here and was shot and killed.

\$1,500,000 for Mississippi River.

Washington, May 25.—The senate voted an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for improving the Mississippi river between the mouth of the Missouri and Minneapolis, an increase of \$300,000 over the house appropriation.

Squier Heads the Aviators.

Washington, May 24.—Secretary of War Baker announced the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel George O. Squier as head of the aviation section of the signal corps of the army. Colonel Squier succeeds Reber.

Two Ships Sunk.

Copenhagen, May 25.—The German steamship Worms of Hamburg is believed to have been sunk in the Baltic by a Russian submarine. The Swedish steamship Roskilde, 877 tons, has been sunk by a mine.

## STARTING IT IS EASIER THAN STOPPING IT

GERMANS WIN POSITION AT DEAD MAN HILL AND THEN LOSE IT.

### FRENCH GAIN AT DOUAUMONT

Paris War Office Says Teuton Counter-Attacks Have Assumed Extremely Violent Character—Berlin Denies Loss in Verdun Region.

### DR. WAITE IS ON TRIAL ARMY BILL IS PASSED

CASE OF ALLEGED POISONER STARTS QUICKLY.

Dr. A. A. Moore, Who Attended Grand Rapids Millionaire, Goes on Witness Stand.

New York, May 24.—Testimony of Dr. Albertus Adair Moore, the physician who attended John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, in his last illness, for whose murder Mr. Peck's son-in-law, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, was placed on trial here on Monday, indicated that Doctor Waite feared some time before his arrest that he might be accused of causing the death of his father-in-law.

The task for selecting the jury to try Doctor Waite was completed in two hours and fifty-four minutes. Seldom has a trial of the kind moved so rapidly, it was said.

Waite himself appeared as calm as any of the spectators who crowded into the courtroom.

District Attorney Swann, addressing the jury, recited Waite's life history, and declared the prosecution would show that the young dentist lacked means of support of his own and sought to gain possession of his father-in-law's money.

In addition to purchasing the arsenic with which Peck was poisoned, the prosecutor declared it would be shown that Waite applied chloroform to the nostrils of his father-in-law on the night of March 12 and "that was the last of John E. Peck."

The district attorney then told of Waite becoming interested in the study of disease germs and of his acquaintance with Mrs. Margaret Horton, the young woman with whom he shared a studio apartment. Mrs. Horton, the prosecutor said, "will play a conspicuous part in the trial."

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BRITISH ARE DRIVEN BACK

One and One-Third Miles of Trenches Captured by Germans—Loss Admitted by London.

London, May 24.—The British war office, in an official statement on Monday, admits that the Germans penetrated the British front north of the Vimy ridge for a length of 1,500 yards and to a depth of 300 yards.

Berlin, May 24.—Several lines of British positions on a front of about one and one-third miles have been captured by the Germans southwest of Ginchy-en-Gebelle, it was officially announced on Monday.

German troops observed a footing in the quarry south of Haumont and on the bank of the Meuse, the report admits.

German troops stormed French positions on the eastern spur of Hill 304, on the Verdun front. A thousand French soldiers were captured.

New German War Loan.

London, May 25.—German advice to the Exchange Telegram company state that the Vossische Zeitung places the amount of the German loan which is to be floated in July at \$2,500,000,000.

Deaths in Nevada Mine Fire.

Virginia City, Nev., May 24.—At least four men have perished in a fire raging in the Yellow Jacket mine here. Two bodies have been recovered. Yellow Jacket is in the Gold Hill district.

Death in Illinois Storm.

Peoria, Ill., May 24.—A severe storm which swept central Illinois did considerable damage to farm property, caused the loss of numerous buildings by fire and caused the death of Fred Sparker, a farmhand.

Dutch Reject Diver Note.

London, May 24.—The Dutch government has decided to send a strong note to Berlin, saying that the German version of the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Tubantia cannot be accepted.

James J. Hill Seriously Ill.

St. Paul, Minn., May 24.—The illness of James J. Hill is causing more than passing concern to his friends and business associates. Mr. Hill has been in retirement at his residence since last Wednesday.

George B. Cox Passes Away.

Cincinnati, May 23.—Death came to George Bernedine Cox, long Republican political leader in the city, county and state. He had been in a critical condition for several days from pneumonia.

Cavalry to Patrol Border.

El Paso, Tex., May 23.—The Sixth cavalry, which came out of Mexico, entrained at Marfa, Sierra Blanca and Marathon, Tex., where they will be distributed along the border for patrolling. Four trains were used.

## FURIOUS BATTLE ON SUM ALLOWED BY EMERGENCY BOARD

AMOUNT IS GIVEN TO MAKE NECESSARY CANAL REPAIRS.

### \$17,976 IS LEFT IN FUND

State Dental Board Gets \$500—Request Is Made by Industrial Committee So as to Employ More Help.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—At the close of the meeting of the state emergency board there remained \$17,976 in the emergency fund, which is regarded as more than sufficient until July 1, end of the fiscal year. The board allowed \$500 to the board for holding examinations next month, \$500 to the department of Public Works for a threatened break in the levee of West Reservoir at Akron, and \$1,075 for the repair of banks along the Sidney "feeder" of the Miami and Erie canal, which supplies water to Sidney, Piquette and Ft. Loraine.

The board appointed Auditor Donahy and Chairman Reighard, of the house finance committee, to investigate appropriateness of an application of \$24,000 by the industrial commission for additional clerks and other employees for next year. Mr. Fauver was instructed to investigate reported weakness in the canal levee at Middletown.

Protection Is Sought.

The Ohio Board of Agriculture, in a meeting at Sandusky, in resolution unanimously adopted, recommended the enactment of statutes providing for the protection of green bees shipped into and out of the state. The matter of the appointment of a state inspector of bees was discussed, but action was deferred until the next meeting. Proposed extension of the scope of the horticultural department likewise was favored. Harry S. Mielog, New Bremen, was given a dairy inspectorship and D. E. Frame, G. S. Meacham, H. W. Feldkirch and E. Stoner were formally appointed assistant veterinarians. The latter quarter is now in the services of the state but only recently passed a prescribed non-competitive civil service examination. The commission went to Puttin Bay after the meeting, where it inspected the State and Federal fish hatcheries. President John Beggs, Columbus Grove, presided.

Pave Way for Trial.

Supreme Court paved the way for the prosecution by State Fire Marshal Buckley of about 50 persons who have been indicted by deputy state attorneys that they set fire to buildings in the state, either for revenge or to secure insurance. The prosecutions have been withheld pending a decision on the exceptions of Prosecutor Kennedy of Summit county to a ruling of the Chief Justice of the state.

Retreat Admitted by Rome.

Bulgarians Join Austrian Troops in Drive Against Italians—Advance Checked.

Rome (via Paris), May 25.—Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bulgarians have joined the Austrians in their present offensive.

The official statement issued here on Tuesday in part as follows:

"In the Soguna valley between the Astico and the Brenta our troops fell back gradually on their main lines after repulsing Austrian attacks throughout the day of May 22. The retreat was orderly and spontaneous."

REJECTS RUBLEVE NOMINATION

Defeat for Wilson Appointee Comes in Senate on Motion to Reconsider Vote.

Washington, May 25.—The senate on Tuesday by a vote of 38 to 18 refused to reconsider its vote of last week of 37 to 41 rejecting the nomination of George Rubleve of New Hampshire to the federal trade commission.

Vice President Marshall was absent and the tie vote was broken, but as affirmative action was required to effect a reconsideration the motion to reconsider was definitely lost. Rubleve's nomination cannot be brought up again at this session. He has served as a recess appointee for more than a year.

Wants Americans Protected.

Washington, May 25.—The foreign relations committee voted to recommend to the senate that immediate action be taken for the protection of the lives of Americans in the revolution zone in Ireland.

England Stops Dyeustuffs.

London, May 25.—Lord Robert Cecil of the foreign office stated in commons that England would not allow the export of \$30,000,000 worth of dyeustuffs from Germany to the United States.

Greek Steamer Sunk.

Marseilles, France, May 25.—The Greek steamer Adamantos Koris, 2,947 tons, has been sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean. The crew was picked up and landed here.

French Ship Sunk by Submarine.

Marseilles, May 25.—Information received here concerning the loss of the French steamship Languedoc, 1,612 tons, shows that it was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. Captain Battisti was taken a prisoner.

War Risk Rates Going Down.

New York, May 23.—Transatlantic war rates have dropped from three per cent to two per cent in both the New York and London markets in the last week. Reduction of another half of one per cent will be made.

5,000 Students in Army Training.

Boston, May 23.—Five thousand students in New England are now receiving military instruction. It was brought out at a meeting of the Association of New England Colleges for conference on athletics.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR JUNE 4.

### THE CALL OF THE WEST.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 18:18, 19:15. GOLDEN TEXT—Come over into Macedonia, and help us.—Acts 19:12.

Following the commission's report at Antioch of the decision of the Jerusalem church, Paul and Barnabas and others continued their evangelism in that city (ch. 15:35). These leaders soon felt the need of revisiting the scenes of their former labors (v. 36), but when it came to the organization of their party, Paul refused to accede to the decision of Barnabas that John Mark should accompany them (vs. 37, 38, see Acts 14:13). So sharp a contention arose that two parties were organized. That Paul later forgave Mark is evidenced by his tender reference to him.

A Closed Door. Ch. 16:1-18. Paul's companions for this second missionary tour were Silas (15:40), Luke (see use of word "we," v. 17), and Timothy (v. 18). The latter came of good ancestry, had been educated in the school of the law, and was of good report, still to avoid contention he submitted to the rite of circumcision. Paul's work was to promulgate the Jerusalem decree, to establish or to confirm the churches and to add to these churches new converts. But he was entirely free to fill Paul's commission (9:15). The word "Asia" (v. 6) means the Roman province of Asia and, wisely obeying the Spirit's direction, Paul passed on until he came to the seaport town of Troas. At Antioch he met the "word of the Lord Jesus" in Asia with wonderful effect (19: 1, 5, 16, 27). It must have burned within the bones of Paul thus to be restrained, but it did not serve as an excuse for him to take a vacation, but rather as a resource, was added to his preaching. Thus he came to Troas.

A Letter has Just been made public at the governor's office from Capt. Robert J. Odell, Columbus, in which he denies that the association of former pupils of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Xenia, have been opposed to the election of Judge J. S. Kimbrough to the superintendency. The statement is made that Judge Kimbrough, as one of the veterans of the war, should have been honored by the selection. Loyal support is promised him.

Hough To Make Contracts.

The contract with the railroads for the transportation of the Corn Boy Special will be made this year by the adjutant general, Hanson W. Hough, rather than by the State Board of Agriculture, which conducts the remainder of the contest. Secretary George A. Stauffer explained that a question had been made in former years about the propriety of the State Board of Agriculture having a check upon the board.

Starts Mattress Probe.

Extensive investigation of reported violations of the mattress law, passed in 1911, has been undertaken by Gen. H. Hamilton, chief state inspector of workshops and factories. Mr. Hamilton says that mattresses have been made in Ohio and more shipped into the state which consisted merely of old, worn-out and unsanitary filling stuffed into new covers. The law prescribes a standard of quality for mattress filling.

No Second for Motion.

It was admitted that the State Board of Health, at its meeting in Cleveland, did not elect a secretary, although four members at first contended that Dr. F. G. Boudreau, Columbus, had been elected. The minutes of the meeting, it is said, will show that there was no second to the motion to elect a secretary. The members present began voting for the motion before it had been seconded, it is said.

Bids For Road Work.

Bids totaling \$1,238,769.25, for work on highways in twenty-five counties, were announced as the lowest submitted by the State highway department. The contract letting, which will follow within a few days, will be the third this spring.

Chamber Is Generous.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has given its promise to the junior contest department of the State Board of Agriculture to provide four free trips to Washington in the coming growing contest. The contestants must be residents of Hamilton county.

Decision on Patent.

In a decision handed down Federal Judge John E. Sater held that the B. B. Hanak Co. is entitled to a decree for injunction of patent against the E. P. Cott Manufacturing Co., Columbus. The Hanak Co. is the owner of the Reck patent for a counter bracket.

Welch Is Appointed.

W. M. Welch, formerly of Ballina, has been named to be checking clerk at the State Serum Farm, under the Board of Agriculture. The position was recently created.

Phone Valuation.

For remark purposes the two telephone properties in Ironton are valued as follows: By the state, respectively \$11,000; by the companies, \$146,000; reproductive value, by the state, \$140,000; by the companies, \$138,000. These figures are to be discussed at early hearings.

Examination Date Set.

June 8 was the date set for the holding of further civil service examinations for the Superintendent of the Dayton and Columbus State Hospitals.

Worth Knowing.

To remove rust with steel rub the rusted part well with sweet oil and allow it to stand for 48 hours. Then rub with a piece of soft leather and sprinkle with finely powdered unslaked lime until the rust disappears.

The Devil's Bible.

A remarkable exhibit at the royal palace in Stockholm is the so-called Devil's Bible, a huge copy of the Scriptures, written on 300 prepared asses' skins. Tradition says that it took 500 years, or from the eighth to the thirteenth century, to complete the work, which is so large it occupies an entire table. According to another tale, Satan did the job in a night and gave the monkish recipient of the gift a picture of his fiery self for the frontispiece.

The Suicide Age.

According to an Italian scientist who has classified 4,000 cases of self-destruction, more suicides occur between the ages of fifteen and twenty-six than at any other period in life.

The Philanthropic church often helped Paul subsequently and doubtless Lydia was a leading spirit in such service. The history of the Christian church relates many illustrations of the leadership and prominence of women of wealth and culture; women who have found in the Lord Jesus the all-sufficient and satisfying portion and who have turned their backs upon the world and all it has to offer to serve and follow him.